[6th February 1959

* 80-*A* *Q*.—SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN (on behalf of Sri M. Jagannathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of in-patients in the Stanley Hospital, Madras, in 1957–58?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: The daily average number of in-patients treated in the hospital was 923 in 1957 and 1,024 in 1958 (up to November).

SRI A. A. RASHEED: In view of the increased bed-strength in this hospital, is there any proposal to increase the staff nurses as well as doctors?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: When the bed-strength is increased, naturally the staff required—nurses and others—is increased. But, it is a fact that in every hospital, there is over-flow of patients and we are trying our best to increase the accommodation.

SRI S. B. ADITYAN: The patient strength represents the position in reality. It is supposed to be 132 per day against the bed-strength of only 63. As a result of this great disparity between the bed-strength and the patient-strength, the employees are overworked. They are asked to work for 12 hours in the day and for 7 days in the week. Will the Hon. Minister take immediate steps to relieve the situation by increasing the bed-strength and bringing it in line with the reality?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: As a matter of fact, we are all over-worked. Every section in society is being overworked and we are trying our best to improve the position. (Laughter.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Hon. Minister for Industries may answer question Nos. 63 and 64 together.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: I would prefer to answer question No. 64 separately, Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: All right. He may answer question No. 63 now.

Employment Exchanges

* 63 *Q*.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons registered in the Employment Exchanges during the past six months;

Of this (i) how many are graduates;

(ii) how many are under-graduates; and